

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



Tim Gallagher, Director

July 1, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA – RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
(All Districts — 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached Resolution approving Los Angeles County's application for grant funds under the State of California Resources Agency for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to file the attached Resolution with LWCF, and to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grants and negotiating the grant terms, and take appropriate actions as necessary to execute a grant agreement, after approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval of the above actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to complete the application process for proposed projects with the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The State of California – Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation (State) awards applications for funding, on a competitive basis, through the LWCF. Funds awarded may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. LWCF became effective in January 1965 and was authorized for a 25-year period. The program has been extended for another 25 years to 2015. The LWCF is administered nationally by the National Park Service (NPS) through the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

To apply for the LWCF, a local agency must have a resolution adopted by its governing board that indicates the person authorized to act on its behalf. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement. The Resolution delegates to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to act on behalf of the County of Los Angeles when applying for the grants and negotiating the grant terms. It also certifies that the projects are compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project, and that the applicant has matching funds and can finance 100 percent of the project, half of which will be reimbursed.

Upon the acceptance of a project application for grant funding, the grant agreement(s) will be presented to the Board for approval and any additional operating costs will be identified as projects are submitted.

Applications have been submitted for the following proposed projects:

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>
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BELVEDERE SKATE PARK DEVELOPMENT	\$200,000
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Project scope: Construction of a new 12,000 square foot skate park which includes the installation of fencing, rolling gates, bleachers, security lights, signage, walkways, and an in-ground skate bowl.

KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA (SRA) PAR COURSE DEVELOPMENT	\$64,211
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Project scope: Construction of an eight station exercise program (Par Course), around the walking path located in Janice's Green Valley within Kenneth Hahn SRA. The entire distance of the par course will encompasses 2,000 ft., with each station placed approximately 250 ft. apart.

CALABASAS/COLD CREEK ACQUISITION	\$250,000
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Project scope: Acquisition of one hundred twenty acres that is currently approved for development to secure a 0.83-mile missing link of the Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail, an urban trail-link to the Los Angeles County adopted Santa Monica Mountains trail system.

CATALINA ISLAND LITTLE HARBOR
CAMPGROUND RENOVATION

\$129,621

Project scope: Refurbishment of 17 campsites at Little Harbor Campground, located on the remote westside of Catalina Island. Construction includes a concrete amphitheatre, waterless restroom building, picnic tables, shade structures, concrete barbeques, decomposed granite pads, and walkways.

CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA (SRA) BAAL POINT CAMPGROUND
RENOVATION

\$250,000

Project scope: Restoration of vehicular access to the picnic area known as Baal Point and the renovation of the shade structures and restrooms.

LAKE LOS ANGELES PARK PICNIC FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

\$200,000

Project scope: Development of a group picnic area consisting of three shade structures, picnic tables, turf, irrigation and walkways.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The action is supportive of the following three goals of the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

This resolution has been prepared to establish the Board's intent to apply for Federal grant funds. If the County is successful in receiving grant funds for any of the submitted applications, full financial descriptions of those selected projects will be prepared. These financial details will accompany the project approval letter, which will be brought before your Board after award of the grant(s). Notification of award is scheduled for January 2004. Upon award of each grant, the Department will be required to have a fully executed contract with the State within three years from the date of program funds appropriation. The Department will also be responsible for the completion of all funded projects and submittal of all final documentation no later than March 1, eight years from the date of appropriation.

The recommended action is to complete applications for funding of additional improvements and/or acquisition of property. If successful, the improvements and/or acquisitions would be funded by the State LWCF Program and the individual projects to be administered under this program will be included in the appropriate annual budget. The Land and Water Conservation Fund requires a 50% non-Federal match for all awarded projects. The Department has identified the following local matching funds for each project:

PROJECT NAME	TOTAL PROJECT COST	LWCF GRANT AMOUNT	AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR MATCHING FUNDS
Belvedere Skate Park Development	\$1,102,992	\$200,000	Prop 12 Per Capita Grant - \$768,891
Kenneth Hahn SRA Par Course Development	\$128,422	\$64,211	Proposition A - \$64,211
Calabasas/Cold Creek Acquisition	\$2,193,500	\$250,000	Private Donation - \$500,000 Habitat Conservation Fund - \$850,000 Prop 40 SMMC Grant - \$200,000
Catalina Island Little Harbor Campground Renovation	\$259,242	\$129,621	Catalina Island Conservancy - \$129,621
Castaic Lake SRA Baal Point Campground Renovation	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Wildland Conservancy - \$750,000
Lake Los Angeles Picnic Facilities Development	\$2,678,087	\$200,000	Special District Fund - \$1,414,616 Prop A Funds - \$125,000

Operating Budget Impact

The Department has estimated one-time costs and ongoing annual costs for each proposed project. The one-time cost for Belvedere Skate Park consists of a mobile storage unit, a backpack blower and maintenance supplies. The on-going cost includes a ½ Grounds Maintenance Worker I, graffiti remover, safety equipment and utilities for security lighting. The Calabasas/Cold Creek project has no one-time cost, and an approved management agreement between the County and Mountains Restoration Trust exists to cover any on-going maintenance cost. The same relationship exists between the County and the Catalina Island Conservancy regarding maintenance costs at the Little Harbor Campground and there is no one-time cost. The Department's on-

going cost for the Lake Los Angeles project is estimated to be \$12,016 for maintenance supplies, utilities and ¼ Grounds Maintenance Worker II for the upkeep of the turf and picnic areas. On-going personnel costs for the Baal Point Campsite consist of 1/2 time each for a Recreation Services Supervisor, Recreation Services Leader and Custodian. There will be a grounds maintenance contract to cover tree trimming and trash removal. Other ongoing costs include irrigation maintenance/monitoring, graffiti control and entry road maintenance as well as utilities and supplies to maintain the restrooms. The Par Course at Kenneth Hahn SRA will require ¼ Grounds Maintenance Worker I and on-going cost for sign replacement, graffiti removal and other maintenance supplies.

PROJECT NAME	ONE-TIME	ON-GOING
Belvedere Skate Park Development	\$8,270	\$22,364
Kenneth Hahn SRA Par Course	\$0	\$9,350
Calabasas/Cold Creek – Acquisition	\$0	\$0
Catalina Island Little Harbor Campground	\$0	\$0
Castaic Lake SRA Baal Point Campground	\$0	\$94,587
Lake Los Angeles Park Picnic Facilities Development	\$0	\$15,376

Once funding has been secured, the Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to review the operating cost estimates to determine appropriate operating requirements and available funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon an award of any grant, the County will be required to spend those funds in accordance with the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan (CORP) Act of 1967, as defined in the LWCF Procedural Guide.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Belvedere Skate Park Development

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15302 (2)(c), 15303 (3)(d)(e), 15304 (4)(b) and Class 2 (e), Class 3 (b) and Class 4 (c) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Kenneth Hahn SRA Par Course Development

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15303 and Class 3 (b) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Calabasas/Cold Creek Acquisition

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15313, 15316 and Classes 13 and 16 of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Catalina Island Little Harbor Campground Renovation

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15302 2(c) and Class 2 (c) (e) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Castaic Lake SRA Baal Point Campground Renovation

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15302, 15303 3(e) and Class 2 and Class 3 (b) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Lake Los Angeles Park Picnic Facilities Development

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15303 (c)(d)(e), 15304 4(a)(b) and Class 3 (a)(b)(d) and Class 4 (a)(c) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

The LWCF is limited to outdoor recreation purposes, and indoor facilities, which support outdoor recreation activities. LWCF may also be used for the acquisition or development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks that include top priority recreation projects or acquisitions of wetlands. Top priority recreation projects include a variety of activities established by the National Park Service, and must be consistent with priorities identified in the California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward the original and two (2) conformed copies of this letter and two (2) originals of the resolution to the Department of Parks and Recreation by Thursday July 3, 2003, to complete the application packets.

Respectfully submitted,


For Tim Gallagher
Director

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors (22)

Resolution No:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

**Belvedere Skate Park Development
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Par Course Development
Calabasas/Cold Creek Acquisition
Catalina Island Little Harbor Campground Renovation
Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Baal Point Campground Renovation
Lake Los Angeles Park Picnic Facilities Development**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid Program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the state, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects are consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 1994; and

WHEREAS, the projects must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certify that said agency has matching funds and can finance 100 percent of the project, and LWCF awarded funds will be reimbursed; and

3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee as agent of the County to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
5. Requires the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to submit to the Board of Supervisors all final grant agreements for Board approval.


I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Approved and Adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2003.

(Clerk)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Helen S. Parker